## REMARKS

Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections. Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the Examiner grant such an action. If any questions or issues remain in the resolution of which the Examiner feels will be advanced by a conference with the Applicants' attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact Gregory Porter at 713-951-3318.

No additional fees are believed to be currently due. If there are any fees due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account No. 10-0447, reference 43225-44598AUSP(BAI).

Respectfully submitted,

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